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QUOTE:

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TO RUMMJNA/COMUSJAPAN YOKOTA AB//J5/J71//
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RUEADWD/DA WASHDC//DAPE-CPC-DAID/DAMO//
RUHQHQA/CINCPAC HONOLULU HI//J12/J1/J74//
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RUADANA/CDR MCB CPBUTLER JAPAN
RUADKEA/CDR 18TH TFW KADENA AB JAPAN
RUMMJNA/CDR 5AF YOKOTA AB JAPAN
RUYNSDK/COMNAVFOR JAPAN YOKOSUKA NB JAPAN

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SUBJ PACIFIC SUPPORT REALIGNMENT ACTIONS - PRESS RELEASE
1. (FOUO) ON 10 MAR 1978 USFJ AND USARJ NOTIFIED ALCON GOJ AGEN-
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CIES ABOUT GENERAL PROVISIONS OF PACIFIC SUPPORT REALIGNMENT
PLAN. NO SPECIFIC ESTIMATES OF IMPACT ON MLC WORK FORCE WERE
PROVIDED.

2. (FOUO) SINCE 10 MAR 78, USARJ HAS ANNOUNCED FIVE TRANSFER
ACTIONS (POSTAL, DRIVER TNG-TESTING, VEH REG, PASS ISSUANCE, AND
CLOTHING SALES STORE). PRESENT PLANNING CALLS FOR ANNOUNCING TRSF
OF ENGR SPT FUNCTION FOR 71ST SIG BN IN NEXT FEW DAYS TO BE

EFFECTIVE 1 JUN 78. THIS FUNCTION INVOLVES STRAIGHT TRANSFER OF 8 MLC EMPL.

3. (FOUO) USARJ IS NOW IN POSITION TO PROJECT IMPACT OF REMAINING REALIGNMENT ACTIONS. RIF'S WHICH MUST BE EFFECTED IN CONJUNCTION WITH SHIPMENT OF AMMUNITION, WATERCRAFT AND OTHER SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FROM OKINAWA HAVE ALSO BEEN DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS

A. RIF. REASON--WORKLOAD REDUCTION, I.E., SHIPMENT OF AMMUNITION, WATERCRAFT, SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FROM OKINAWA. SEPARATION DATE--EQ AUG 78 (393 MLC TOTAL).

ORGANIZATION/FACILITY NR/NR RIF

AMMO DIV/6022/168

SUPPLY DIV/6056/43

TRANS MNT DIV/6064/90

TRANS MNT DIV/6065/92

B. TRANSFER. REASON--RELOCATION OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIAL TO HONSHU--31 AUG 78.

SUPPLY DIV/6056/24 MLC TRANSFER

C. TRANSFER/RIF. REASON--TRANSFER OF FUNCTIONS UNDER PACIFIC SUPPORT REALIGNMENT PLAN. EFFECTIVE TRANSFER/SEPARATION DATE--30 SEP 78 (407 MLC TRSF/239 MLC RIF/12 IHA RIF REHIRE/12 IHA RIF).

FUNCTION/ORGN/FAC NR/NR TRSF/NR RIF

OKUMA/PROVOOST MARSHAL/6004/4/0

OKUMA/FAC ENGR/6004/13/0

OKUMA/TRANS MNT DIV/6004/0/2

OKUMA/PERS-COMM AFF DIV/6004/2/0 MLC AND 14 IHA OF WHOM 12

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WILL BE REHIRED BY AF.

SELF SVC SUP CEN/6056/73/15

CHIBANA AMMO DEPOT/FAC ENGR/6056/13/17

VET SVC/VET ACTY/6056/9/1

CHIBANA AMMO DEPOT/PROV MARSHAL/6022/27/58

MSA/PER COMM AFF DIV/6056/75/28 MLC AND 5 IHA

MSA/TRANS MNT DIV/6056/13/43

MSA/FAC ENGR/6056/164/49

MSA/HQ COMDT/6056/0/14 MLC AND 5 IHA

D. RIF. REASON--MISCELLANEOUS WORKLOAD REDUCTIONS. SEPARATION DATE--30 SEP 78 (123 MLC TOTAL).

ORGN/FAC NR/NR RIF

OFC OF CDR/6056/3

COMPTROLLER/6056/4

PERS COMM AF DIV/6056/48

TRANS MNT DIV/6056/50

SUPPLY DIV/6056/11

AMMO DIV/6022/7

4. (FOUO) IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT NUMBERS OF EMPLOYEES IDENTIFIED BY FUNCTIONS, ORGANIZATIONS, AND FACILITY NUMBERS ABOVE MAY CHANGE SLIGHTLY DUE TO EMPLOYEE CANVASSING PROCEDURES THAT MUST BE EFFECTED TO INSURE MAXIMUM TRANSFERS. ABOVE INFORMATION IS

SUFFICIENT FOR INFORMING GOJ OF EXTENT OF TRSF/RIF BUT SHOULD NOT BE CONTAINED IN PRESS RELEASE OR Q'S AND A'S TO PRESS RELEASE.

5. (FOUO) THERE WILL BE NO FACILITY RELEASES IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS ANNOUNCEMENT.

6. (FOUO) APPROVAL IS REQUESTED FOR FOLLOWING PRESS RELEASE, COVERING RIFS AND TRANSFERS, TO BE MADE ON 31 MAY 78.

QUOTE

A. U.S. ARMY, JAPAN (USARJ) SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TODAY THAT REALIGNMENT OF SERVICE SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES BETWEEN USARJ AND OTHER U.S. FORCES IN JAPAN, ORIGINALLY ANNOUNCED 10 MAR 78, HAS PROGRESSED SUFFICIENTLY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING PERSONNEL TRANSFERS AND REDUCTIONS IN FORCE ON OKINAWA.

SINCE 10 MARCH 1978, 35 JAPANESE EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN OFFERED JOB TRANSFERS WITH FUNCTIONS BEING REALIGNED. IN CONJUNCTION WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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REMAINING REALIGNMENT ACTIONS, APPROXIMATELY 400 EMPLOYEES WILL TRANSFER TO OTHER SERVICES ON 30 SEP 78. DIFFERENCES IN GAINING SERVICE PERSONNEL REQUIREMENTS ASSOCIATED WITH FUNCTION TRANSFERS, RELOCATION OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIEL, AND WORKLOAD REDUCTION THROUGHOUT USARJ ON OKINAWA WILL RESULT IN SEPARATION OF APPROXIMATELY 800 EMPLOYEES BY 30 SEP 78. ABOUT 400 OF THESE SEPARATIONS WILL OCCUR ON 31 AUG 78 AND THE REMAINDER ON 30 SEP 78.

NOTE BY OC/T: SECTION 2 SERVICED; TO FOLLOW.

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THE US FORCES REGRET THAT THE LOSS OF SUCH LOYAL AND VALUED JAPANESE EMPLOYEES COULD NOT BE AVOIDED. EVERY EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO FIND EMPLOYMENT FOR THESE PERSONNEL AT OTHER US FORCES

JAPAN INSTALLATIONS. RELEASED EMPLOYEES ARE ENTITLED TO RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE AND PRO RATA BONUS PAYMENTS FROM US FORCES, JAPAN. US ARMY ELEMENTS WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN OFFICIALS TO IMPLEMENT NECESSARY UNEMPLOYMENT COUNTERMEASURES TO PROVIDE SEPARATED EMPLOYEES WITH INCREASED OR ADDITIONAL SKILLS TO ASSIST THEM IN OBTAINING EMPLOYMENT ON THE ECONOMY.

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE US FORCES TO GIVE AS MUCH PRIOR NOTICE AS POSSIBLE TO EASE THE HARDSHIPS OF A REDUCTION IN FORCE. THIS NOTICE EXCEEDS THE 45-DAY NOTICE REQUIRED BY THE MASTER LABOR CONTRACT.
END QUOTE.

7. (FOUO) THE FOLLOWING RESPONSES WILL BE GIVEN TO ANTICIPATED QUESTIONS; QUOTE

Q1. WILL ANY MILITARY FACILITIES BE RELEASED TO THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AS A RESULT OF THESE REDUCTIONS?

A1. NO FACILITY RELEASES ARE SCHEDULED DUE TO THESE REDUCTIONS. HOWEVER, ON 31 MAR 78 THE US FORCES RELEASED 918,669 SQUARE METERS OF LAND AT THE KADENA AMMUNITION STORAGE AREA TO THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN. USARJ WILL CONTINUE TO REVIEW REQUIREMENTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE STATUS OF FORCES AGREEMENT, WITH A VIEW TOWARD RETURNING THOSE BASES AND FACILITIES NO LONGER NEEDED.

Q2. WILL ANY ADDITIONAL REDUCTIONS BE ANNOUNCED?

A2. IT IS POSSIBLE OTHER REDUCTIONS MAY OCCUR. USARJ CONTINUALLY REVIEWS ITS REQUIREMENTS TO DETERMINE FUTURE NEEDS.
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Q3. IT HAS BEEN RUMORED THAT THE ARMY PRESENCE WILL BE COMPLETELY REMOVED FROM OKINAWA IN FISCAL YEAR 1979. IS THIS TRUE?

A3. IT IS NOT TRUE. THERE ARE NO PLANS TO TOTALLY ELIMINATE THE ARMY PRESENCE ON OKINAWA.

Q4. WILL US CIVILIANS OR MILITARY WORKERS BE AFFECTED BY THESE REDUCTIONS?

A4. YES. APPROXIMATELY 100 US CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES AND 300 MILITARY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO ARMY ACTIVITIES WILL BE AFFECTED BY THESE TRANSFER AND REDUCTION IN FORCE ACTIONS.

Q5. WHAT FUNCTIONS ARE INVOLVED IN THE 31 AUG 78 REDUCTION IN FORCE?

A5. AMMUNITION DIVISION, SUPPLY DIVISION, AND TRANSPORTATION MAINTENANCE DIVISION.

Q6. BY 30 SEP 78 THE OKUMA REST CENTER, THE CHIBANA AMMUNITION DEPOT, SUBSISTENCE MANAGEMENT, AND VETERINARY SERVICE RESPONSIBILITIES WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO THE AIRFORCE. IT IS PLANNED TO TRANSFER THE HOST RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MAKIMINATO SERVICE AREA, AS WELL AS THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE SELF SERVICE SUPPLY CENTER TO THE MARINE CORPS ON 30 SEPTEMBER 1978. THE WORKLOAD REDUCTIONS RESULTING FROM THESE MISSION TRANSFERS TO OTHER SERVICES, TOGETHER WITH TERMINATION OF THE STORAGE AND MAINTENANCE OF US ARMY RESERVE STOCKS ON OKINAWA, TERMINATION OF THE ARMY AMMUNITION STORAGE FUNCTION AND THE REDUCTION OF THE US ARMY WATERCRAFT MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE FUNCTION WILL

NECESSITATE THE SCHEDULED 30 SEP 78 RIF ACTIONS. CPO OFFICIALS
HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO BEGIN CANVASSING EMPLOYEES AND MAKING
POSITIVE POSITION MATCHUPS FOR THE 30 SEPTEMBER TRANSFERS AND
RIF ACTIONS STARTING TOMORROW, 1 JUNE 1978. SPECIFICS WILL NOT
BE KNOWN UNTIL THIS WORK IS COMPLETED.

END QUOTE

8. (FOUO) PROPOSED NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR 31 MAY 78--

TIME/AGENCY NOTIFIED/NOTIFIED BY
0800-1030/MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS/COMUSJ
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0800-1030/DEF FAC ADMIN AGCY/COMUSJ
0800-1030/JOINT STAFF OFFICE, J-4/COMUSJ
1100-1130/GROUND STAFF OFF (VICE C OF S)/USARJ
1430-1500/OKINAWA PREF GOVT (GOV TAIRA)/OKINAWA AREA COORD
1500-1530/JGSDF LIAISON OFF/USARJ
1500-1530/NAHA LABOR MGT OFF/USAGO
1500-1530/KOZA LABOR MGT OFF/USAGH
1530-1600/USAGO EMPLOYEES/USAGO
1530-1600/NEWS AGENCIES HONSHU/USARJ
1530-1600/NEWS AGENCIES OKINAWA/USAGO
9. (FOUO) CMD MCB CP BUTLER JAPAN AND 18TH TFW KADENA AB JAPAN
HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF CONTENT OF ABOVE PRESS RELEASE.
10. (U) A BILINGUAL FACT SHEET WITH TEXT OF PRESS RELEASE WILL BE
PROVIDED TO ALL USARJ EMPLOYEES ON OKINAWA UPON RECEIPT OF
APPROVAL FOR ABOVE PRESS RELEASE.
11. (C) THIS REQUEST FOR RIF APPROVAL AND PRESS RELEASE EXCEEDS
THE 7 WORKING DAY ADVANCE PERIOD SPECIFIED IN CHAPTER 5, USFJ
MANUAL 40-1, TO ALLOW COMUSJ SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME TO CONDUCT SUCH
INFORMAL ADVNACE COORDINATION WITH GOJ OFFICIALS AS DEEMED NECES-
SARY.
12. (U) DOWNGRADED UNCLASSIFIED UPON PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.
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